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*Investigations regarding the Kanchalamma tank project.*

*105 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state regarding the Kanchalamma tank project (vide page 335, Madras Legislative Council Proceedings, Vol. XXXVIII)—

(a) what steps have been taken to let the villagers concerned know of the intentions of the Government;

(b) whether the question of the water-rate has been discussed with them by any responsible officer; and

(c) if so, what the result of such discussion was?

*A.*—(a), (b) & (c) A report has been called for.

*Re-examination of the Gudempad project.*

*106 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government is re-examining the Gudempad project in the Dhone taluk of the Kurnool district; and

(b) if not—

(i) whether it is a fact that in 1912 it was estimated to yield a net revenue of 2·5 per cent,

(ii) why the project was thereafter dropped,

(iii) whether the Government now propose to re-examine the scheme?

*A.*—The consideration of the Gudempad project was postponed in 1912 until experience had been gained of the working of the Venkatapuram and Kocheruvu tanks then under construction. The Government have recently called for a report from the Chief Engineer on the question of the revival of the project.

*Re-examination of the Duvvaleru project.*

*107 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are re-examining the Duvvaleru project in the Markapur taluk of the Kurnool district; and

(b) if not—

(i) whether it is a fact that in 1922 it was estimated that the net revenue with a water-rate of Rs. 8 and Rs. 4, would be Rs. 5,797,

(ii) why the project was thereafter dropped,

(iii) whether the Government now propose to re-examine the scheme?

*A.*—(a) Gaugings of the river Duvvaleru have been taken and the Chief Engineer has been asked to report whether the results show that the project is feasible;

(b) (i) & (ii) The figures given by the Hon'ble Member are correct except that the year referred to is 1920. In that year detailed investigation was ordered and gaugings began to be taken. The project was not thereafter dropped.

(b) (iii) The attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the answer to clause (a).